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An Account of all the moſt conſiderable NEWS, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Thurſday, January 16, 1724.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, January 11*th*, 1724.

On Thurſday-night arrived a Mail from France.

Florence, December 11.

HIS Royal Highneſs the Grand Duke has not yet appeared in public ſince the Death of the late Grand Duke; neither is it known what Day he will appoint to receive Homage from his Subjects. 'Tis ſtill reſolved, That the Miniſters who frequent the Court, are to appear dreſs'd after the French Manner: However, in the Diſcharge of the public Functions they are permitted to appear in the Spaniſh Dreſs, as formerly.

Paris, Jan. 15. The Infanta Queen having recovered daily ſince the 6th Inſtant, is now in perfect Health.

The King has appointed Mr. de Livery, Brother to the Grand Steward to His Majeſty, to go Ambaſſador to the Court of Portugal.

The Pope's Nuncio has cauſed to be brought from Rome, a Brief againſt the Appealing Biſhops; but the Government hath not thought fit to have it put in Execution.

On the 10th Inſtant the Council rejected the new Project lately preſented, relating to a new Paper Commerce, to the great Satisfaction of the Public, who were under bad Apprehenſions ſince the Report that had been ſpread relating to that Affair.

'Tis talked, That an Arret will ſhortly come out, for repealing That which orders the Depoſiting of Actions, for which Premiums have been received. 'Tis alſo rumoured, that new Advantages will be granted to our India Company, that makes their Actions keep up at 1450, or thereabout.

This Day at Nooon S. S. Stock was 118, 1 half. Annuities, 101, 3 8ths. Bank, 128. India, 145. African, 26, 14th. York Buildings, 12.

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Edinburgh, Jan. 15. *Tueſday laſt arrived here an Expreſs from* London, *with His Majeſty's moſt Gracious* SPEECH *to both Houſes of Parliament, on* Thurſday *the 9th Inſtant, which is as follows:*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Cannot open this Seſſion, without Congratulating you upon the Succeſs of your Endeavours laſt Year, for the Safety, Intereſt and Honour of the Kingdom: The Riſe of public Credit, the flouriſhing Condition of our Trade and Manufactures, and the general Tranquillity of My People, are the happy Conſequences of your prudent Reſolutions. 'Tis to be hoped, that the few Examples which were made of, ſome notorious Offenders, will be ſufficient to deter the moſt diſaffected from engaging in the like deſperate and wicked Practices. The Augmentation you thought fit to make to Our National Forces by Sea and Land, ſecured the general Quiet of the Kingdom againſt any ſudden Attempts or Inſurrections; but has alſo given Me ſuch Weight and Credit in all Foreign Negotiations, as greatly contribute towards the Preſervation of the Peace of Europe.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I will order the proper Officers to lay before you the Eſtimates for the Service of the current Year. I deſire ſuch Supplies only as you ſhall find abſolutely neceſſary for preſerving the Peace of the Kingdom, and for the Security of My People, and thoſe I hope may be raiſed without laying any additional Charge or Burden on My Subjects.

I muſt in a particular Manner recommend to Your Care the public Debts of the Kingdom, as the moſt National Concern you can poſſibly take into your Conſideration. I am perſwaded it muſt be a very great Satisfaction to all my faithful Subjects, to ſee the ſinking Fund improved and augmented, and the Debt of the Nation thereby put into a Method of being ſo much the ſooner gradually reduc'd and paid off: It would be a Work truly worthy of a Britiſh Parliament to begin this commendable Undertaking, and to make ſuch a Progreſs therein, as with a ſtrict Regard to public Faith and private Property, may pave the Way to this great and deſirable End.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

In the preſent happy Situation of our Affairs, I have nothing more to recommend to you, than that you would make uſe of the Opportunity which your own good Conduct has put into your Hands, in conſidering of ſuch further Laws as may be wanting for the Eaſe and Encouragement of Trade and Navigation, for the Employment of the Poor, and for the exciting and encouraging a Spirit of Induſtry in the Nation.

I am fully ſatisfied, That the Trade and Wealth of my People are the happy Effects of the Liberties they enjoy, and that the Grandeur of the Crown conſiſts in their Proſperity; and I am as fully perſwaded, that all who wiſh well to their Country muſt agree with Me, That it is the vaineſt of all Deluſions to imagine, that the Religion, Laws, and Liberties of this Kingdom, can ever be ſecured, but by ſupporting the preſent Eſtabliſhment, and maintaining the Succeſſion in the Proteſtant Line. Let us therefore heartily join in every Thing that may tend to promote Our mutual Happineſs, and to extinguiſh the Hopes of thoſe who long

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have been, and ſtill are reſtleſs in their Endeavours, to ſubject this Nation to the whole Train of Miſeries, that are inſeparable from Popery and arbitrary Power.

The ſame Expreſs brought alſo the humble ADDRESS *of the Right Honourable, The Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, which is as follows* ;

Die Jovis, 9no, Jan. 1724.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, humbly return your Majeſty the Thanks of this Houſe, for Your Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech from the Throne, and for your gracious Acceptance of our ſincere Endeavours for your Service during the laſt Seſſion. We cannot in Juſtice but acknowledge, that the proſperous, and flouriſhing Condition, and the preſent Tranquillity of the Kingdom, are the natural Effects of your Majeſty's wiſe and ſteady Government. Your Majeſty's powerful Influence on all your foreign Negotiations towards the Preſervation of the general Peace, gives us very great Satisfaction. We beſeech your Majeſty to believe, nothing can be dearer to us than your Honour; and that we cannot think any Thing of greater Importance, than the enabling your Majeſty to maintain the Tranquillity of Europe.

We humbly beg Leave, with Hearts full of Duty and Gratitude, to acknowledge your Majeſty's paternal Care and Tenderneſs, in deſiring the Eaſe of your People from all unneceſſary Burdens, and your unexpreſſible Goodneſs, in declaring from the Throne your full Satisfaction, that the Trade and Wealth of your People are the happy Effects of the Liberties they enjoy ; and that the Grandeur of your Crown conſiſts in the Proſperity of your Subjects: We beg your Majeſty to believe, that nothing ſhall ever be wanting on our Part, that can tend to the Encreaſe of your Majeſty's Happineſs and Glory ; and that we are firmly and unanimouſly reſolved, with our Lives and Fortunes, to maintain our preſent happy Eſtabliſhment, as the only ſolid Foundation upon which we can hope for the quiet Enjoyment of our Religion, Laws, and Liberties.

From the Flying Poſt. January 9th.

At the Court at St- James's, *the 7th Day of January,* 1723-4. PRESENT, *The King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.*

SHERIFFS, appointed by his Majeſty in Council for the Year 1724.

BERKS John Ruſh, Eſq; *Bedford,* Thomas Aynſcombe, Eſq; *Bucks,* Martin Bazil of Beaconsfield, Eſq; *Cumberland,* Joſeph Dacre Appleby, Eſq; *Cantab. & Hunt.* Thomas Jenkinſon of Elme Eſq; *Devon,* Robert Fry of Yarty, Eſq; *Dorſet,* Robert Henely, Eſq; *Derby,* Sir Thomas Greaſley, Bart. *Ebor.* Hugh Cholmley of Whitby, Eſq; *Eſſex,* James Braine, Eſq ; *Glouceſter,* Samuel Roach of Sheerhampton, Eſq; *Hertford,* John Coppin, Eſq; *Hereford,* Thomas Delahay, Eſq; *Kent,* Sir Robert Auſtin, Bart. *Leiceſter,* Richard Smith of Enderby, Eſq;

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Lincoln, Sigiſmond Traford, Eſq; *Monmouth*, Matthew Powell of Latilio, Eſq; *Northumberland*, John Cotesforth, Eſq; *Northampton*, William Thursby, Eſq; *Norfolk*, Robert Cleugh, Eſq; *Nottingham*, John Shaw of Prinley upon the Hill, Eſq; *Oxford*, John Blewitt, Eſq; *Rutland*, George Bruſhfield, Eſq; *Salop*, Richard Oakley, Eſq; *Somerſet*, James Baker of Buckland, Eſq; *Stafford*, Zachariah Babington, Eſq; *Suffolk*, Gregory Coppinger, Eſq; *Southampton*, Sir Richard Mill, Bart. *Surrey*, John Eſſington, Eſq; *Suſſex*, Thomas Fuller of Park-gate, Eſq; *Warwick*, John Mariott, Eſq; *Worceſter*, Charles Craven, Eſq; *Wilts*, Joſeph Holton, Eſq;

SOUTH-WALES.

Brecon, Joſhua Parry of Tallylin, Eſq; *Carmarthen*, John Allen of Lanelly, Eſq; *Cardigan*, Edward Price of Yſtradffine, Eſq; *Glamorgan*, James Williams of Cardiffe, Eſq; *Pembroke*, William Wogan of Wiſton, Eſq; *Radnor*, Hugh Morgan of Coedglayſon, Eſq;

NORTH-WALES.

Angleſea, John Griffith of Carreglywd, Eſq; *Carnarven*, William Brynker of Treborth, Eſq; *Denbigh*, John Peuleſton of Havodywerne Eſq; *Flint*, Sir Stephen Glynn, Bart. *Merioneth*, Gune Lloyd of Hindier, Eſq; *Montgomery*, John Bright of Pentre, Eſq;

From the weekly Journal, or Saturday's Poſt, 11th January, 1724.

We hear from Moſcow, That an Expreſs arrived there from the Governor of Derbent, with Advice that the Troops upon the Frontiers of Perſia were in good Condition, and that the Party of Meriweys declined daily thereabouts. That in leſs than three Months, above 1500 Men of Meriweys had deſerted to the Moſcovites, who had been formed into a diſtinct Body. That the Cruelty of this Rebel was ſuch, that he perſecuted all that he had any Suſpicion of, and that he was ſo hated he knew not whom to truſt.

London, 11th January. We hear from Hanover, That a Daughter of Mahomet the Turk, was lately married to *Moore* a German, with whom he gave 20000 *L.* Fortune.

Father Pillioniere is in Holland tranſlating Biſhop Burnet's *Anerdotes*, or ſecret Hiſtory of his own Times, into French.

'Tis talked, That the Duties upon all Eaſt India Goods, will be leſſened this Seſſions of Parliament.

Sandwich in Kent, Jan. 4th, 1724.

Mr. MIST,

THere *has lately happened here a very comical Adventure: A young Woman was very much in Love with a young Fellow in this Neighbourhood, who after ſome Months, ſpending a leiſure Hour or two with her, ſlighted her, and made his Addreſſes another Way; which the poor forſaken good-temper'd Soul hearing of, and not being willing to be any Hindrance, cuts off the Clock-line belonging to the Houſe wherein ſhe lived, and ties herſelf up, where ſhe hung ſome Time. But being cut down, was after half an Hour, with much Difficulty, brought to herſelf again; but ſtill perſiſted in her Reſolution to hang herſelf.*

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The young Fellow hearing this mournful Account, was moved, and went to ſee her, and both Parties being agreed, was laſt Week publickly married, which brings in ſomething of the old Proverb, That Hanging and Marriage go by Deſtiny.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 11.

ON Thurſday-morning laſt, between 3 & 4 a-clock, the Tilt-boat coming from Graveſend to London, was overſet by a ſudden Guſt of Wind at Fidlens reach, near Gray's, by which ſad Accident, 16 Perſons were drowned, amongſt which was the ſecond Mate and his Wife of the Royal George, the South Sea Ship now lying in Long Reach, Outward-bound: Seven of the dead Bodies were that Day brought into Gray's; 8 or 9 Perſons were ſaved by a Man of War's Boat.

Some Days ago died in Suffolk, the Reverend Dr. Charles Trumbal: He was Chaplain to His Grace Abp. Sancroft, and Rector of Heyſtead in Eſſex, and Hudley in Suffolk, but quitted theſe Benefices at the Revolution.

Yeſterday at Five in the Morning ended the Ball in the Hay-Market: A great Number of Ladies went from the Lord Viſcount Falmouth's in Maſquerade Dreſſes; His Majeſty and the Prince were preſent at the Theatre in Habits. The Dreſs, which was the Wonder of the Aſſembly, was a walking Statue with two Heads. 'Tis computed that above 1000 Perſons were there.

Yeſterday was publiſhed a Book intitled, *Conſiderations on publick Credit, in a Letter to a Member of Parliament*, wherein the Author ſays, It is amazing to think that wiſe and great Men at the Head of Affairs, ſhould from Time to Time have run the Nation into ſo great a Debt as 50 Millions, which he obſerves to have been owing in a great Meaſure to the not making any ſuitable Enquiry into the Miſapplication of the publick Money, nor the many Frauds by which the publick Debts have been ſo much increaſed.

In the mean Time His Majeſty, in his moſt gracious Speech, which cannot but attract the Hearts of all his Subjects, is pleaſed to ſay, *He is perſwaded it muſt be a very great Satisfaction to all his People to ſee the ſinking Fund improv'd and augmented, and the Debt of the Nation thereby put into a Method of being ſo much the ſooner reduced and paid off.*

The Lords, in their Addreſs, aſſure his Majeſty, nothing can be dearer to them than his Honour; that they cannot think any thing of greater Importance than the enabling his Majeſty to maintain the Tranquillity of Europe.

His Majeſty's Anſwer to the Lords Addreſs,

MY LORDS I give you My hearty Thanks for this dutiful and loyal Addreſs, your affectionate Concern for My Honour and Happineſs, is very acceptable to me. Be aſſured it ſhall be My conſtant Care to preſerve the Rights and Liberties of my People.

The Commons Addreſs, wherein they aſſure his Majeſty, that they will chearfully contribute ſuch Supplies as ſhall be neceſſary, for preſerving the Peace and Tranquillity of theſe Kingdoms, and they will uſe their outmoſt Endeavours for improving and augmenting the ſinking Fund, was moved for by Lord Finch, who Yeſterday reported the ſame Addreſs, which was unanimouſly agreed to, and preſented this Day by the whole Houſe to his Majeſty.

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The Lords adjourned to Wedneſday. The Bips of Wincheſter, Rocheſter, Eli, Lincoln, Carlile, and Bangor, The Dukes of Richmond and Ancaſter, The Earls of Radnor and Albemarle, and the Lords Bernard Boyl, and Delaware took the Oaths and their Places, laſt Thurſday in the Houſe of Peers.

Laſt Wedneſday the Duke of Wharton dined with Sir John Williams, Mr. Parſons, Mr. Child, and Mr. Lockwood, and other eminent Gentlemen, at the Grey-hound Tavern in Fleet-ſtreet.

The following Gentlemen are in the new Call of Serjeants at Law, Mr. Morely, Mr. Knott, Mr. Rabby, Mr. Baines, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Skinner Recorder of Oxford, and Mr. Chaple.

Twenty Petitions relating to the undue Elections, which were not determined laſt Seſſions, are now renewed and referred to the Commitee of Elections.

The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury have preſented the Reverend Mr. Archer to the Living of Averſham, worth 200 a Year.

This Afternoon the Arch-biſhop of York arrived at his Houſe in Cecil-ſtreet, from York, with a numerous Retinue, with 3 Coaches and Six, beſides 20 Horſe-men.

Haddingtoun, Monday Jan. 13, 1724. This Day and preceeding, Three Men and Two Women were interrred in the Church-yard here, whoſe Years amounted to 406.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

[§] *That the Salmon-fiſhing upon the Water of* Spey, *lately pertaining to* James *Earl of* Dumfermling, *is to be ſett in Tack by Public Roup upon the 7th of* February *next, in the Houſe of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *betwixt the Hours of* 3 *&* 4 *of the Clock in the Afternoon. The Conditions of Roup are to be ſeen in the Hands of* William Cuningham *of* Bandalloch.

*** *That the Lands of* Wallace-Craigie, *lying at the Eaſt Port of* Dundee, *within the Parochine thereof and Sheriffdom of* Forfar, *holding Taxt-ward of the Crown, being* 1030 *Merks of free Rent, as they were laſt Sett in Tack; with the Manſion-houſe, conſiſting of a Dining-room,* 3 *Bed-rooms* 2 *Cloſets and* 2 *large Garrets; with Kitchen, Brew-houſe, Waſhing-houſe,* 2 *Barns, Stables, Loft and Oxen Byer,* &c. *all well ſlated: with a convenient Garden, inclos'd with a good Stone Dyke, and a good Quantity of barren Planting, likewiſe inclos'd: Are to be Expoſed to Public Voluntary Roup and Sale, in the Houſe of Ms.* Kid *in* Dundee, *on the Twenty-firſt Day of* January 1724, *betwixt the Hours of* 2 *and* 3 *in the Afternoon. The Progreſs of Writs and Condition of Sale, are to be ſeen in the Hands of Sir* Alexander Wedderburn *of* Blackneſs, *or* David Brisbane *Writer in* Dundee.

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Care ſhall be had to have this *Paper* ſooner Publiſhed in the Morning than formerly; as alſo, to entertain our Readers with every Thing that occurrs of curious and diverting.